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Crimes of the Heart

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Vigilantes in America

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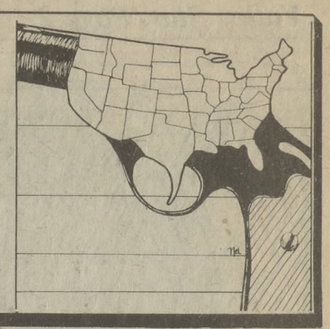

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Trustee, students outraged by 'scandalous' aid delays

By LAURA TANIS, News Editor and RONN CROWDER, City Editor

"What I hear now is scandalous!" exclaimed Dr. Monroe Richman, member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees, at the Board meeting last Wednesday. He was talking about the long delay in processing of financial aid applications.

"We bought software programs, we bought computers, we set up new offices in East L. A., and now I hear Mr. Robledo say we're processing manually?" Richman asked incredulously. "So the money went right down the sewer!"

Jose Robledo, director of the centralized financial aid office at East L.A. College and Dr. Kenneth S. Washington, vice chancellor of educational services, said staffing and computer automation problems were to blame.

Similar answers were offered at a board meeting during the fifth week of the fall semester.

Centralization of the financial aid system for all colleges in the LACCD was announced in Feb. 1983. This occurred as a result of disbursement irregularities which led to federal auditing and temporary aid cutoffs at three campuses.

Campus financial aid offices now function only to provide information, take applications, and review requests.

Norm Schneider, director of communications services for the LACCD, provided figures for the financial aid system district-wide and for Valley College.

According to Schneider, 9,978 students applied for aid district-wide as of the end of December.

5,601 of those applications were received at the central office, 1,736 awards were made by the financial aid office, 872 students were found to be ineligible for aid, and 1,398 students submitted incomplete applications, Schneider said.

According to his figures, there are still 1,595 applications under review.

Schneider said that 1,144 applications were received at Valley's financial office. 625 of those were received by the central financial aid office. 136 awards were made to Valley financial aid students, 121 students were found to be ineligible, 288 submitted incomplete applications, and 80 applications at Valley are currently under review.

The discrepancy in the figures is 4,377 applications district-wide that remain at the various campus financial aid offices. There are 519 applications located at Valley's office.

According to Schneider, at eight out of the nine campuses the backlog will be completed within a week or two.

Richman asked Robledo and Washington several times at the Jan. 16 Board meeting if the program is functioning as it was represented when it was originally purchased.

Washington said it was not and that the entire process is taking place manually. He explained that the program was instituted as a pilot for only two colleges, Pierce and Mission Colleges.

"We had hoped that the pilot would be cleaned up and operable fully a year and a half ago," Washington said. "We are still trying to get the wrinkles ironed out before we put all of the remaining seven campuses in the computer."

Robledo said that the automated system uses parameters that are different than what they are used to on a manual system.

"It would not be an easy task to go back and start today with a system that is automated and just discontinue the manual system," Robledo said. "Then we would have in effect two different systems during the same school year."

Robledo said rather than do that, they opted to continue to work with students on the manual system. He explained that there were also staffing and training problems and difficulty in obtaining the necessary documents that they are required to use in order to correspond with students.

Two students who attended the Board meeting were on the brink of tears as they brought their cases before the trustees.

Angela Satterfield, a single mother of four children, part time worker, and full time student at Pierce, applied last August for financial aid and was told she would receive it on three separate dates.

"Excuse me for getting emotional," Satterfield said. "I understand that the financial aid people are doing the best that they can, but somehow it's just not enough."

"This lady is here and she's only the tip of the iceberg of all the student who haven't gotten money!" Richman said. "It's scandalous!"

Denise Gordon, a single parent and a student at Trade Technical College, and her son who attends El Camino College, both applied for financial aid in February, 1984.

"It has been almost a year," Gordon said as she began to cry. "Somehow at a terrible expense to the taxpayers you have managed to take the community out of the community colleges. Your financial aid papers leave your community colleges never to be seen again and go to this place you call Central," she said.

"It shouldn't take this long! And nobody, no computer, has that much power that it can make or break your life!"

"I think the issue is students and I think it's holding the administration accountable," Richman said. "We're failing to provide them the money that they're entitled to. We've changed the system, we've spent a lot of money, and we haven't delivered anything to the students."

Leslie Koltai, chancellor of the LACCD, said that people are blaming each other.

"I believe that the answer lies somewhere in between," Koltai said. "It will take time to fix it. It will take cooperation between the colleges and the staff in the central office."

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SMALL WONDER—Mother and daughter share a warm moment.

Journalist tells of Ethiopian problems

By LISA COLLINS, Staff Writer

"Ethiopia has great natural resources," said Michael Warr in a lecture called "Politics and Revolution of Starvation" last Friday morning in the Valley College Behavioral Science Building. "If cultivated, it could feed up to 100 million people."

Warr is an American freelance journalist who recently returned to the United States after traveling in Africa for four years. He spoke to a receptive crowd with what seemed to be true concern over the situation in Ethiopia.

"Ethiopia, as our news tends to neglect, is not alone," Warr said in his speech. "200 million people in Africa are faced with starvation."

Warr said the government and the people of Ethiopia have to change the situation themselves, by utilizing their own wealth.

"They have excellent natural resources," he said, "but lack the machinery to utilize the minerals.

"Ethiopia is nearly three times the size of California, with 42 million people total, yet there are only six thousand trucks in the entire country and only two percent of Ethiopia is accessible by road," he continued. Part of the reason for this, Warr said, is that unlike other African countries, Ethiopia was never colonized by a European power.

Warr believes if all of Africa can work together in learning the techniques of terracing and soil conservation and gain an understanding of precipitation, the whole of Africa has a very promising future.

But the situation is complicated by the conflict between ancient traditions and the 1980's, he said.

During the question and answer period a question was raised concerning what the Ethiopian government is doing to help eliminate the widespread famine in the North.

"The Government is starting to move the people from the North to the South where it is so much more fertile," Warr said, "but there are problems with that.

"You must understand that the people of the many tribes have a deep cultural connection to the land. It is traumatic to move to an unfamiliar place."

A woman then stood up and said that the United States should take care of their own people before trying to save others.

In reply, Warr said that the relationship between Ethiopia and the U.S. is an interesting one.

"You do not see the same kind of hunger in the U.S.," he said. "You do not see the bloated stomachs and heads.

"But people are hungry in the U.S. and hunger is the prelude to starvation. If there is one person in the world that is starving, that is one too many."

AFT endorses incumbents

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Staff writer

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has announced its endorsement of incumbent Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees members Wallace Albertson, Arthur Bronson, and Lindsay Conner in the April 9 general election.

There are a total of seven seats on the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee serves a four year term. Elections are planned so that only three seats are up for election in 1985, with four seats up for re-election in 1987.

The AFT announced its endorsement after recommendation by the Committee on Political Education (COPE).

COPE is a committee of the Faculty and Staff Guilds which is comprised of teachers and classified staff who initiate the endorsements through interviewing new candidates and reviewing the incumbents' voting records.

Sylvia Lubow, chapter chairman of the Faculty Guild, said, "The AFT's support has been totally successful. Our time, money and experience is of vital importance. Often the Co-Federation of Labor goes along with the AFT endorsement and that carries a lot of weight."

Lubow explained that the AFT endorsed the incumbents because of their previous voting records on the board.

"Many times they have voted in a way that would be favorable to the union in layoffs, no Mar. 15 letters, raises, and the AFT staff contract," said Lubow.

"Some of the candidates are reactionary, going against the faculty, staff, district, and the students," she said, "and it would be disastrous if they are elected."

Dr. Leslie Boston, professor of English, feels differently about the endorsement. He believes that, "a board of trustees should establish a policy and carry it out. We've never had a board to do that. I am angry that we continue the pattern."

He is angry that the AFT has supported a blanket endorsement. He stated that he has talked to other professors who feel the same. He plans to concentrate his efforts on campaigning for one of the candidates, making an appeal to all faculty to offer support, and discontinuing his contributions to COPE.

"We have gotten locked into endorsing the incumbents because they're nice people. I think that other candidates could have been found," said Boston.

"Board members should be ashamed of the way they've spent the taxpayer's money. Many of the previous board members have used the board as a stepping stone to get elected in higher positions. Damn few of them have done their homework to learn how the community colleges operate," said Boston.

Joe Kehoe, a candidate running for Conner's position, and former editor-in-chief of the *Star*, doesn't feel he was treated fairly in regards to the interviews by COPE.

Kehoe said he was not interviewed by the committee because he was not notified. He said he gave his work-phone number when filing for candidacy at City Hall, and that he was not notified at work about the interview session.

Although he called the interviews "a formality," he said he "would have liked to have had a chance to talk to them."

"They already had their minds made up to endorse the incumbents," he said. "I don't think it will mean much though. I think the teachers will think over the issues."

But AFT President Hal Fox disagreed.

"There was continuous calling for two days," Fox said. "If they had an answering machine, or if someone was home, we left a message. Every attempt was made."

Valley philosophy prof dead at 72

By LAURA TANIS, News Editor

William Burman, professor of philosophy at Valley College for 19 years, died last Thursday at the age of 72.

According to Dr. Harold Ravitch, associate professor of philosophy, Burman, who retired from full-time teaching in 1982, taught one philosophy class at night this semester.

Burman died of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Our Lady of Lourdes in Northridge.

"He was very well liked by virtually all of the faculty and students," Ravitch said. "He was a classic scholar and absolutely meticulous in his treatment of philosophical issues as well as in the languages that he taught."

Burman was involved in the priesthood for many years. The church sent him to Belgium and Rome. He was fluent in French, Latin, and Greek.

Burman received his bachelor's and master's degree at the Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington and a master's degree at Harvard University.

After leaving the priesthood in the '60's, he taught at the University of Santa Clara. Among his many students was Jerry Brown Jr., former governor of California.

He also taught French at Pacific Palisades High School. He taught Latin and Greek at Louisville High School in Woodland Hills after his retirement.

Burman is survived by his wife, Mary, a counselor at Louisville High School; his daughters, Andrea, a high school senior; and Jennifer, a sophomore on the honors program at Santa Clara University.

Candidates missing in ASU elections; Student membership decreases

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Staff Writer

Elections for commissioners' posts in ASU were held yesterday and are being held today, although only three people qualified to run for the presently 14 vacant posts. Without these posts filled, ASU is unable to officially elect a vice president.

The vice president position was vacated at the beginning of this semester when Frank Tullo, vice president, replaced Shawn Ulibarri as president. According to the ASU constitution, under these circumstances the executive council must elect the vice president. At least 11 of these posts must be filled to conduct this election.

Originally, the vice president was to be elected in a special election by all ASU members. But it was discovered last week that this method was not in accordance with the ASU constitution.

The vice president's primary job is to chair the senate meetings. The senate is composed of representatives of the various campus clubs.

Because the executive council is unable to elect a vice president, Tullo will open nominations today in the senate to elect a senate pro-tem on Jan. 31. This person will be elected from one of the clubs and will chair the senate meetings until a vice president can be elected.

Tullo will continue his plans to increase ASU membership by "working the campus," he said. "We need to make sure everyone hears our pitch."

He credits the low membership to the mail-in registration.

"It has drastically killed us," he said. "Mail-in registration is our biggest enemy."

He said that when students used to wait in line to register, ASU members would explain what the organization does and would answer questions. He said that it now takes much longer to reach the same number of students.

Letters to the Star

A third viewpoint

Editor,

I found Vol. 36, No. 15, LAVC's first Spring '85 paper to be quite interesting. I feel the issue had several good and some bad features, but unquestionably worth reading. I was quite pleased to see the two viewpoints on the new Sobriety Checkpoints. I wish to reply to one of the views taken.

Ronn Crowder, in his "Constitutionally Questioned" piece voices some interesting concerns about the Sobriety Checkpoint, its validity, and its effectiveness. Drinking and driving has become one of the most serious problems this country faces, in terms of death-toll, and yet until recently aroused almost no public response whatsoever.

However, I see California and its people finally reaching the apathy breaking point. The fact that these checkpoints exist at all is one sign of that.

I agree with Ronn in that there are many various ways to combat this problem. Ronn has suggested a couple worth more energy than they now receive.

I question if Ronn has ever experienced a Sobriety Checkpoint. I not only have experienced one, but spent three and a half hours observing and photographing one for a travel piece.

The roadblocks are not inconvenient, and there is no difficult interrogation to go through. The officers hand out a leaflet and a postcard, and take about 10 to 15 seconds to do so. I never saw a line of traffic. Two arrests were made that night, both situations which could have easily led to fatalities.

In Ronn's third paragraph he says that "even if the tactic achieved the express goal of fewer alcohol-related deaths and accidents, the price in loss of freedom is much too high." Yet in his sixth paragraph he italicizes "Any increase in death rates is significant." Sorry, Ronn, I see conflicting ideas here.

The purpose of laws and police actions in this country is to prevent, among other things, situations involving risk to health and life. That is why we have "lost" the freedom to best determine for ourselves how fast to drive. That is why we have lost the freedom to shoot guns for hobby in public places. That is why we have lost the freedom to ingest any narcotic substance we may feel compelled to.

Yes, the price to our freedom pocketbook is high for these roadblocks, but weighed against the now epidemic problem of alcohol related fatalities, the price is not going to bankrupt us.

The death and accident figures you cited for the areas and periods where the C.H.P. was engaging in the Sobriety Checkpoint Operation should not be construed as a product or effect of the operations, but rather as a statement of a continual trend which may need yet even further action of one kind or another.

The law enforcement agencies of this state have an obligation to address this problem, and are doing so. I am not suggesting a state of martial law, but I think we all together need to work on this problem. The police have their job, and are doing it.

Ronn's suggested ways of dealing with the problem are beginning to take effect as well. If one truly disfavors the roadblocks, they should write their representatives and give their opinions.

While representing each of our opinions about roadblocks, let's also each find other ways we can help this problem. Each of us can and does touch this problem one way or another. Let's be more effective in fighting the problem and slowing the death-toll.

David R. Westfall
Student
LAVC

Vigilantes

America's paranoia problem

By DORENE ROBINS, Staff Writer

Vigilante-style vengeance and acts of terrorism appear to be on the rise in this country lately.

The gunman who shot four black youths in a New York subway shortly before Christmas received praise and offers of help from a public who likened him to the the avenging vigilante in the 1974 film, *Death Wish*, a character played by Charles Bronson.

Bernard H. Goetz, 37, an electronics engineer who confessed to the shooting, claimed that an earlier robbery motivated his acquisition of a gun.

The subway shooting was the most violent crime of the year, according to transit authority, John Cunningham.

In other related instances of vigilantism, an abortion clinic and two gynecologists' offices in Florida were bombed early Christmas morning and a Washington abortion clinic was bombed New Year's Eve. This brought the 1984 total of anti-abortion bombings and arson cases to 24, compared with only five such incidences in the previous two years.

Matthew J. Goldsby, who admitted planting bombs at four of the abortion clinics, claimed that he had to follow God's law, not man's law.

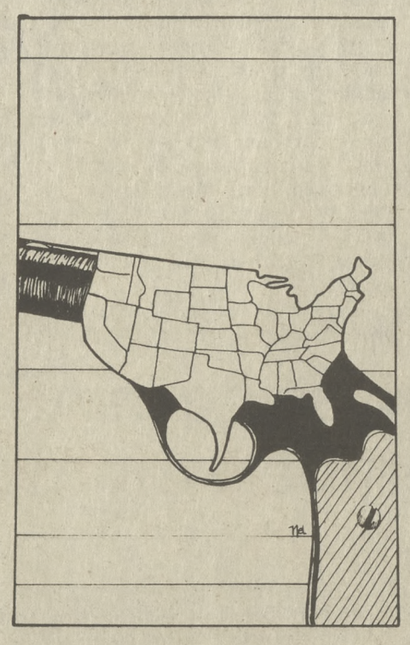
Joseph Scheidler, an anti-abortion leader has criticized the violence, although he supports the cause.

"As long as they (doctors) keep murdering children, I'm not going to get excited by their buildings," he said.

Though a group of people calling themselves "the Army of God" have claimed responsibility for many of the bombing incidents, the FBI does not consider these incidences an act of terrorism because they are not an attack on the government.

Reagan, who is opposed to abortion, has not ordered an FBI investigation, and apparently does not consider the bombings terrorism.

Another group, known as the Aryan Nations, is being investigated by the FBI for possible involvement in the 1984 fire bombing of a synagogue in Boise, Idaho, as well as the murder of a Denver talk-show host, robberies in several western states,



shootings of law enforcement officers, and income tax evasion.

Though these people claim to be religious and patriotic, they are admittedly racist and avid collectors of heavy weaponry.

These various acts of violence are indicative of a fearful society which no longer trusts its leaders or the criminal justice system.

Many people feel that they have little control over their own lives. They feel helpless in the face of larger issues such as the escalating arms race and the growing federal deficit which endangers the economic safety of us all.

Much of the apprehension could be resolved by effective political leadership. Rather than addressing the symptoms of crime, we should be addressing the causes.

Rather than increasing an already badly overcrowded prison system, we should address ourselves to more effective rehabilitation. Prisoners frequently come out of prison more violent than when they went in.

Instead of encouraging the fanataism of fringe groups, we should condemn using violence to further a cause.

Granted, crime can not be tolerated and must be controlled. But if the entire citizenry of this country becomes so fearful that we all carry guns for self-protection, then we are only as safe as the mental stability of each person we meet.

It is essential that a society as large and complex as ours respect and rely on the law. Our criminal justice system is not perfect, but it can be changed as we become more knowledgeable about the causes of crime.

It would be impossible for each of us to have a policeman riding with us on the subway. Consequently, some of us will be mugged. Some of us will be robbed. Some of us will even be killed. But none of us can afford to be at the mercy of an entire armed, fearful, and lawless populace.

If I were armed and anxious to avenge having been mugged last week, and you very closely resembled a possible assailant, what then?

STAR EDITORIALS

Pay up or get off

Get off the bus. That seems to be the implied message in the proposed fare increases that the Rapid Transit District (RTD) is considering.

Increases in basic fares ranging from 50 percent to 500 percent will take many bus users by surprise.

RTD points to Proposition A as the reason.

Passed by the voters in 1980 and implemented July 1, 1982, it provided for a one-half percent sales tax increase to subsidize mass transit in Los Angeles County.

On July 1, 1985, 29 percent of that subsidy will be diverted to begin construction of a regional rail rapid transit system called Metro Rail.

This diversion of funds, which will drop the RTD's subsidy from $133 million to $95 million, is scheduled despite the doubtful future of the much publicized Metro Rail system. The federal government has balked at funding the system, and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley has recently stated that the project cannot proceed without such funding.

When the tax subsidy went into effect in 1982, the cost of the monthly bus pass for regular riders was set at $20. In the special categories of elderly/handicapped, student, and college/vocational, it was dropped to only four dollars.

We assume the purpose was to increase ridership, especially among the three reduced-fare categories.

According to the RTD, they succeeded in that respect. Weekly bus use reached an all-time high in October of 1984.

While RTD is correct that it has no control over the amount of tax money it is given to run the system, we assume that it does have control over setting fares for various categories of riders.

People who buy monthly passes obviously use the system a great deal and depend on it as their primary means of transportation.

A recent RTD news release stated that student boardings accounted for 20.4 percent of RTD's ridership, but contributed only 6.6 percent of passenger fare revenue. This seems to imply that this category of riders has not been paying their fair share.

But if RTD knew this day was coming, why did they reduce the cost of a monthly pass so much?

Under the current proposal, the cost of a monthly pass for a college student will jump 500 percent, from four dollars to $24. While the increases in other categories will be less drastic, they are still considerable.

Such a radical flip-flop will send a contradictory and confusing message to bus riders and smacks of bad planning.

But the ultimate responsibility rests with our local politicians and ourselves; the residents and taxpayers the system is supposed to serve.

On Feb. 2, the RTD will hold public hearings on the proposed fare increases in the RTD Board Room at the RTD Headquarters Building, 425 S. Main St., Los Angeles. Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should call the RTD Community Relations Board at (213) 972-6456.

Written comments may be sent to: Office of the Secretary, Southern Calif. Rapid Transit District, 425 S. Main St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90013, Attn: July 1985 Service/Fare modifications.

With local elections coming up, many politicians are going to be seeking your vote. This would be a good time to ask them where they stand on this issue.

Until rapid transit on rails becomes a reality, we should decide whether our local leaders want us on or off the bus.

Questionable priorities

It seems that the people running the Los Angeles Community College District offices are suffering from a terminal case of misplaced-priorities.

With enrollment down 25 percent district-wide, the need to increase the appeal of the community colleges is evident. However, the Board of Trustees has taken steps which have decreased the popularity of the community colleges.

The very quality of education at the community colleges was severely afflicted when the Board chose to cut student worker hours to the bone. Also, the cuts in campus clerical staff workers have made the situation worse by piling too much of the clerical workload on an already overworked and underpaid faculty.

Such a detrimental effect on the quality of education offered by an institution can only serve to lower its image.

With such a bleak financial picture facing them, it is true that the Board of Trustees was faced with the necessity of trimming the district's expenses.

The question is, *why have the cuts been made at the campus level, and not at the district offices?*

The district offices are located downtown in an office building where practically everything is both new and expensive. The Board members are gifted with air conditioning and heating, luxurious office furniture, equipment that is in excellent condition, and an audio-visual room for use in filming and recording the board meetings which would rival NASA.

To top it off, the interior decoration at the district offices is so impressive that the office itself has been nicknamed "*the Taj Mahal*" by disgruntled faculty members.

Also, you can bet that there is no shortage of clerical workers there.

How can the Board of Trustees pay themselves high salaries, surround themselves in luxury, and still give the campuses the support they need?

The true answer is that they can't.

For the sake of the colleges themselves, if that is what the Board members truly wish to serve, the vast expense account at the district level must be trimmed.

Let the Board members finally have a taste of the budget ax. Whittle their clerical staff away to nothing, and see how they react to typing all of their own papers.

Move the offices away from the expensive downtown highrise district and onto one of the district's nine campuses. Let them suffer the same difficulties of old, worn-out equipment and defective air-conditioning and heating units. Show the oblivious Board members what one of their campuses is really like.

Better yet, with the decline in enrollment, there are fewer students to oversee. Certainly, one or more of the highly-paid Board members are now expendable.

And when the funds from the district office squanderings have been directed back to the campuses, the quality of education, public opinion, and enrollment may increase again.

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Perspective

Vet finds niche as Valley counselor

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Sports Editor

"I was lucky. When I got out of the service, I knew what I wanted to do. But, like many veterans, I did not want to be associated with Vietnam. I just wanted to blend into the woodwork," said John Clerx, counselor in the Veterans Office at Valley.

Clerx, 39, related some of the experiences he had during his stint in the Army from September 1965 to August 1967.

"I had a safe but boring duty in Vietnam. I was a security guard for a signal corps compound, which is related to communications," he said.

Explaining how he got interested in counseling, he said, "I went to Valley for two years after I got out of the Army. I got my B.A. and master's in history at Northridge. I was interested in teaching at a two-year college. Then a job opened up in the Veterans Administration, and I worked for them for five years."

While Clerx was working for the V.A., he went back to school and earned another master's degree in counseling. Afterwards, he started working at Valley College.

"I do not counsel veterans only; I also counsel regular students on campus," said Clerx.

Relating what he likes about his profession, he said, "I enjoy the atmosphere, the students—working with ambitious people. There is actually nothing I do not like about my job. I'm very happy with it."

Clerx, who reached a rank of specialist 4th class in the Army, said, "One of the big problems with vets is working out a program that will take more years to complete than the average student."

He said that many vets have families and many work full time, so they must be willing to take a longer time to earn a degree.

He is also vice president of the Faculty Association and is involved with articulation for four-year colleges.

A San Fernando Valley resident, Clerx has been married for 14 years and is the father of two children.

"I met my wife at Valley, so I guess you can say I am a product of Valley," he said.

Although he has many priorities, his family comes first.

"When I was young I never really thought of having a family," he said. "But now that I am married and have children, I feel very proud and happy to be a husband and a daddy."

Clerx dreams of "world peace" for his children.

"I know it sounds like what everyone else is saying," said Clerx as he stared out the window, "but that's the most important thing."

LAURA TANIS / Valley Star

Perplexed Valley residents ponder declining enrollment

By MARCI MARIGLIANO, Staff Writer

Spring semester '85 opened with a yawn at Valley College on Jan. 9—enrollment having declined nearly 21.2 percent from one year ago—and students, faculty and some concerned community residents are asking why.

The community that Valley serves really consists of a combination of many small communities with an mix of people from varied lineages, life-styles and livelihoods.

Dr. Jane H. Hill, a retired professional woman, has lived in Sherman Oaks for nearly 30 years. Jean McLaughlin, a homemaker, has resided in No. Hollywood for 15 years.

Hill and McLaughlin have different lineages, completely different life-styles, and assuredly different livelihoods. In spite of these differences they both have one thing in common—they are both concerned with Valley and its future.

Hill has attended Valley in the past and she holds fond memories of the school. She was asked her opinion of why Valley's enrollment has declined.

"The main reason is the economy," said Hill. "It isn't as though people have lost their interest in education, because they haven't. They desire it, but, many times, they cannot afford it. They cannot afford their dream.

"Everyone is different. To a person who has a good bank account, $50 is peanuts, but, to the person who is scraping up next month's rent, $50 seems like a fortune."

Pierce College, located in the West Valley, is probably being affected the least as far as declining enrollment is concerned.

"The people in the West Valley are possibly more affluent," said Hill.

McLaughlin has never attended Valley, but she has a picture of the school from her daughter who does attend Valley.

"My image of Valley is a good one," said McLaughlin. "I think it has pretty good qualifications. My daughter and her friends attended Valley, and they loved it.

"As for the decline in enrollment," she said, "If one has to pay anyway, I think they would probably go directly to a four-year college. I know my daughter had to take some courses at Pierce because Valley doesn't offer the same things that Pierce has. But I know that anyone who has gone to Valley has really liked it."

"I enjoy going to Valley College, and I enjoy learning from my instructors," said Mariblanca de Pujadas, a student whose ultimate goal is to become an attorney. "Valley is a good school.

"I enrolled for the spring semester by mail, but then I received a letter from the college saying that one of my classes had been canceled, she continued. "It did not present too much of a problem for me because I was able to beat the long lines. I filled in the canceled class during Christmas vacation."

Carol DiMatteo, a journalism major, gave her views on Valley and Pierce.

"My first impression of Valley College was that it looked like an old-age home," she said. "Don't laugh. I did not want to come here, but I'm glad I did.

"Pierce is a completely social college." she continued. "Everyone goes around asking, 'What kind of car do you drive?', and, 'Who are you going out with?' I feel more motivated at Valley and that's exactly what I need."

News Notes

UCLA INTERN HOURS

UCLA Fall '85 applicants and prospective transfer students may obtain more information through Bradford Hebbe on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the counseling lobby.

FINANCIAL AID

Student Aid applications for California and Cal Grant Supplemental applications for the '85-'86 academic year are now available in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for Cal Grant applications is Feb. 11, 1985.

GRADUATION PETITIONS

The deadline for filing for graduation, as of May 24, 1985, is Friday February 1 at 4 p.m. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, room 127 of the Administration Building.

CRIMES OF THE HEART

Tonight, is the opening for *Crimes of the Heart*, a play by Beth Henley. The play will be presented in Valley's Horseshoe Theater at 8:30 p.m. on the following dates Jan. 24, 25, 26, 31 and Feb. 1, 2. There will be a matinee on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-1200 ext. 318/319.

Valley clocks fall behind the times

By JENNIFER KONZE, Editor-in-Chief

What time is it?

This is a question that many Valley students and faculty members are asking themselves and others.

The master clock, which was approximately 30 years old and controls all of the buildings' clocks, was "just old and gave up," said Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration.

Not affected are the bungalows because "they are on a separate system," said Dave Ogne, building and grounds administrator.

The clocks started noticeably deteriorating during the Fall '83, said Breckell.

According to Breckell, when the problem was discovered to be beyond fixing a budget proposal was made for installing a new system and was granted by the Board of Trustees during the Spring of '84.

"A contract has been awarded," said Breckell. The contractor is "in the process of ordering parts," and has been on campus.

Ogne refers to the master clock as a "relique of the past" and "not in servicable condition because it is plain worn out."

The cost to replace the system will be in the range of $40,000, according to Ogne.

Although the contractor has to given a specific delivery date, the job is expected to be completed within the next eight weeks, according to Ogne.

Most of the product has to be developed and designed to do the functions that we need," said Ogne.

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Overtime deadly to Monarchs

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Sports Editor

It is said that basketball is a game of finesse. If you were one of the lucky spectators at last Friday's Valley College-Trade Tech game, you didn't see finesse, but a hard-fought slugfest that lasted for two overtimes.

You also saw Valley lose to L.A. Trade Tech 87-79.

With just 1:34 left in the first overtime, Larry Middleton was fouled and went to the line to shoot two free throws.

He made them both and the score was 72-68 in favor of Valley.

But Tech remained hot. They came down the court and scored on a 25-foot baseline shot to draw within two points.

Valley controlled the ball but failed to convert.

Tech got the rebound and Corin Pitts, Tech's 6-foot-8-inch center, shot an 8-foot hook, with 50 seconds left, to tie the game at 72.

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Valley played for the last shot and with about 10 seconds left, Geraud Moncure took a 15-foot baseline shot that bounced off the rim. Jesse Garner, Middleton, and Glen Boss fought for the tip-in, but failed to get the ball to drop as the first overtime expired

With 3:09 left in the second overtime, Carey Lewis, Valley's 6-foot-9-inch center fouled out leaving Valley with a small front line to do battle with Tech's big center. Pitts scored the next basket, giving Tech the lead by two points with just a little over 2:50 left on the clock.

Garner was fouled, missed his free throw, and Middleton controlled the rebound. Middleton passed the ball to Dan Liese who was fouled.

Liese had a chance to tie or take the lead for Valley, but he threw up a brick up that failed to go in. Tech remained one point ahead with 2:42 left.

All this time, Pitts had been playing with four fouls. Though he was controlling the inside game, there were questionable fouls called on the Valley players guarding him.

"Pitts kept on running into people down the lane and the ref didn't have the guts to call the fifth foul on him," complained Valley's Head Coach Bobby Castagna. "We lost four players due to fouls and one technical call that was real ticky-tack. He (Pitts) kept running over people and they wouldn't call it," added Castagna with disgust.

With 1:40 left on the clock, Middleton was fouled and went to the line to shoot two. He converted on both his free throws to bring Valley to within one point of Tech.

Then all hell broke loose.

Liese was called for a foul as he guarded Pitts. Then the controversial technical foul was called on one of the Valley players. Pitts converted on the three point play and Tech now had an 82-79 lead.

From then on Tech controlled the game, finishing off Valley's hopes of a victory.

"I honestly believe we have a better team than Tech has and I just can't wait for our next meeting," said Castagna.

Though Valley played under control most of the game, they had a tendency to rush their shots during the closing minutes of the overtimes. Also, their shot selection suffered.

"We rushed our shots," Castagna said. "We should have taken more time. That's something we have to work on."

Valley plays their next game against College of the Canyons in the Men's Gym at 7:30 Friday night.

BASKETBALL STATS

MEN'S As of Jan. 18, 1985	WOMEN'S As of Jan. 18, 1985
1. Mt. San Antonio	1. LA Trade Tech
2. El Camino	2. Santa Monica
3. San Joaquin Delta	3. Ventura
4. Taft	4. Fullerton
5. CC San Francisco	5. Chabot
6. Cerritos	6. Saddleback
7. Skyline	7. Orange Coast
8. Long Beach City	8. Santa Rosa
9. College of the Canyons	9. San Mateo
10. Sacramento City	10. Sacramento City

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LEADING SCORERS
Points averaged per game

1. Larry Middleton, LA Valley, 27.5; 2. Darryl Butler, LA Southwest, 18.1; 3. Angelo Hudson, West LA, 16.6; 4. Darryl Lewis, Antelope Valley, 16.5; 5. Pete Coeler, College of the Canyons, 15.3; 6. Lonnie Keene, Antelope Valley, 13.0; 7. Mauel Carolina, LA Southwest, 12.7; 8. Glenn Boss, LA Valley, 12.6; 9. Don White, College of the Canyons, 12.5; 10. James Mixon, College of the Canyons, 11.6.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL LEADING SCORERS
Points averaged per game

1. Shamona Mosley, Trade Tech, 25.4; 2. Bernedette Engels, College of the Canyons, 24.1; 3. Tammi Richard, Trade Tech, 17.1; 4. Michelle Jennings, Antelope Valley, 16.2; 5. Tina Johnson, LA Valley, 15.3; 6. Lisa Mason, LA Valley, 12.7; 7. Tina Journey, College of the Canyons, 11.6; 8. Kinberly Wilson, Trade Tech, 10.8; 9. Anita Rellas, LA Valley, 10.8; 10. Connie Farrow, Trade Tech, 10.4.

Techsters pounce on Valley's women

By SAL SCIORTINO, Staff Writer

Valley's women's basketball team played the Techsters of Los Angeles Trade Tech College Friday night and were trounced by last year's state champions. Valley lost 48-90.

"It's the land of the giants out there," remarked one observer, "the land of the purple people."

The Techsters, who sport purple and gold uniforms, average about 5 feet 10 inches in height, according to their coach Jim De Salvo. They have lost only once in two seasons, he said.

They won the state last year, and I'm sure they will win it again this year," said Valley coach Jim Stephens. "They just went through the motions against us," he said.

The Monarchs, said Stephens, are the shortest team in the taller than 5 feet 5 inches, which may account for their 3-13 record.

But neither Techster size nor Techster ability could stop 5-foot-2-inch Lisa Mason from scoring 14 points and making 4 assists. Mason, a sophomore, averages 5 assists per game, which ranks her second in the league. She played the entire game.

At one point in the second half, Mason sank three of "her shots" in a row, earning cheers from Monarch fans.

Naturally, according to Stephens, the Techsters guarded her carefully.

Valley center Tina Johnson was also guarded carefully.

"They collapsed on her," said Stephens. Johnson, who is 6 feet tall, is easily Valley's tallest player. She scored 16 points and pulled down another 16 rebounds.

Just before the holiday break, the Monarchs played three good games in the Pasadena tournament, Stephens said.

"If I can get them back to playing the way they were playing that week," said Stephens, "we should finish second in the league."

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